

ABSTRACT

49-53 West Washington Street

1882

Hagerstown

Washington County

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HISTORIC SITE
SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: 49-53 West Washington Street				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Updegraff Building				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 49-53 West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. Rheva Greenwald and Aaron Ruben				
STREET AND NUMBER: 922 The Terrace				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		21740
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 95 West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 187-543				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<div>(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The building known as 49-53 West Washington Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, stands on the south side of the street near the center of the block formed by Public Square and Summit Avenue.</p> <p>The building is an 1882 Eastlavian influenced, urban commercial structure which is four stories high and sits tightly in row with the neighboring buildings and sidewalk. Constructed of brick, the building has a rectangular facade (north side) divided into three sections and is terminated with a gently sloping shed roof and a bracketed cornice of moderate projection. The building appears to be structurally sound and the upper three stories of the facade are fairly original in condition. The ground floor of the facade has two circa 1970s shop fronts.</p> <p>The character of the second, third, and fourth floors of the facade (north side) is derived from the horizontal arrangement of the tall, slender windows grouped between piers rising from the top of the first floor and ending at the cornice. The window groupings consist of, from east to west, two, three, and three. The four piers are projected and have ornamental brickwork corresponding to the decorated spandrels of the bays. The windows all have double-hung, wooden sashes with four-over-four lights and moderately projecting lintels.</p> <p>The cornice has wide brackets with drops and pediments above the piers. The facade is painted.</p> <p>An item of interest and historical significance is the painted sign for the Updegraff firm on the east wall.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)		1882	
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This four stories high, brick, commercial structure was erected in 1882 for William Updegraff (1831-19) (Williams, Vol. II, pp. 638-641). The angular Eastlavian features and the carved brickwork of the facade (north side) of the building were popular in Hagerstown in the 1880s, the decade in which this building was erected. Although the first floor has been extensively remodeled in recent years, the upper three stories of the facade appear to remain intact.

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In the years following the Civil War, the Updegraffs changed from making hats to manufacturing gloves for which they apparently gained some note (Williams, Vol. I, p. 371). The family interests were also expanded to include a clothing store which was housed in this building at 49-53 West Washington Street. On the east wall of the building is a legible but faded sign advertising the Updegraff firm as "clothiers, hatters, and furnishers."

The 1903 deed covering the transference of title from William Updegraff to his sons George and Edward lists a stone building as occupying this site. As noted above, the stylistic and design features indicate a circa 1880s date for construction. The stone reference in the 1903 deed may be a clerical error or, perhaps, an earlier structure is included with the present building.

For an interesting item of comparison, this building is similar in design to the Humrichouse Building illustrated in the 1887 Hagerstown, Maryland Illustrated (p. 15). The Humrichouse Building stood on West Washington Street but was apparently demolished quite some time ago. The major differences between the buildings appear to be the window arrangement (3-4-3 in the Humrichouse Building).

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Sidney, J. C. Map of Hagerstown. Philadelphia: T. Sinclair's, 1850.
 Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.
 Williams, T. J. C. Hagerstown, Maryland Illustrated.
 Hagerstown, Maryland: Mail Publishing Company, 1887.
 Williams, Thomas J. C. A History of Washington County, Maryland.
 Hagerstown, Maryland: John M. Runk and L. R. Titsworth, 1906.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 41' x 240'.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant (mbe)		DATE April 6, 1976
ORGANIZATION City of Hagerstown		
STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall		
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

 Signature

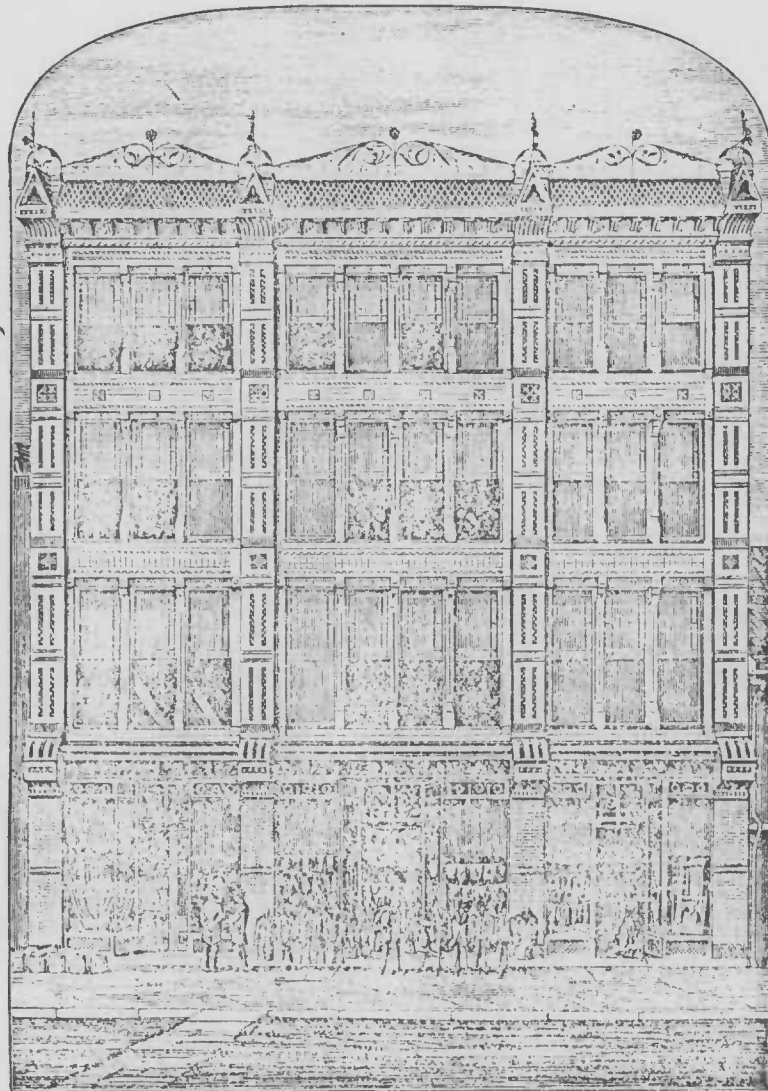
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source: Williams, Thomas J. C. Hagerstown, Maryland Illustrated.
Hagerstown, Md.: Mail Publishing Company, 1887, p. 15.

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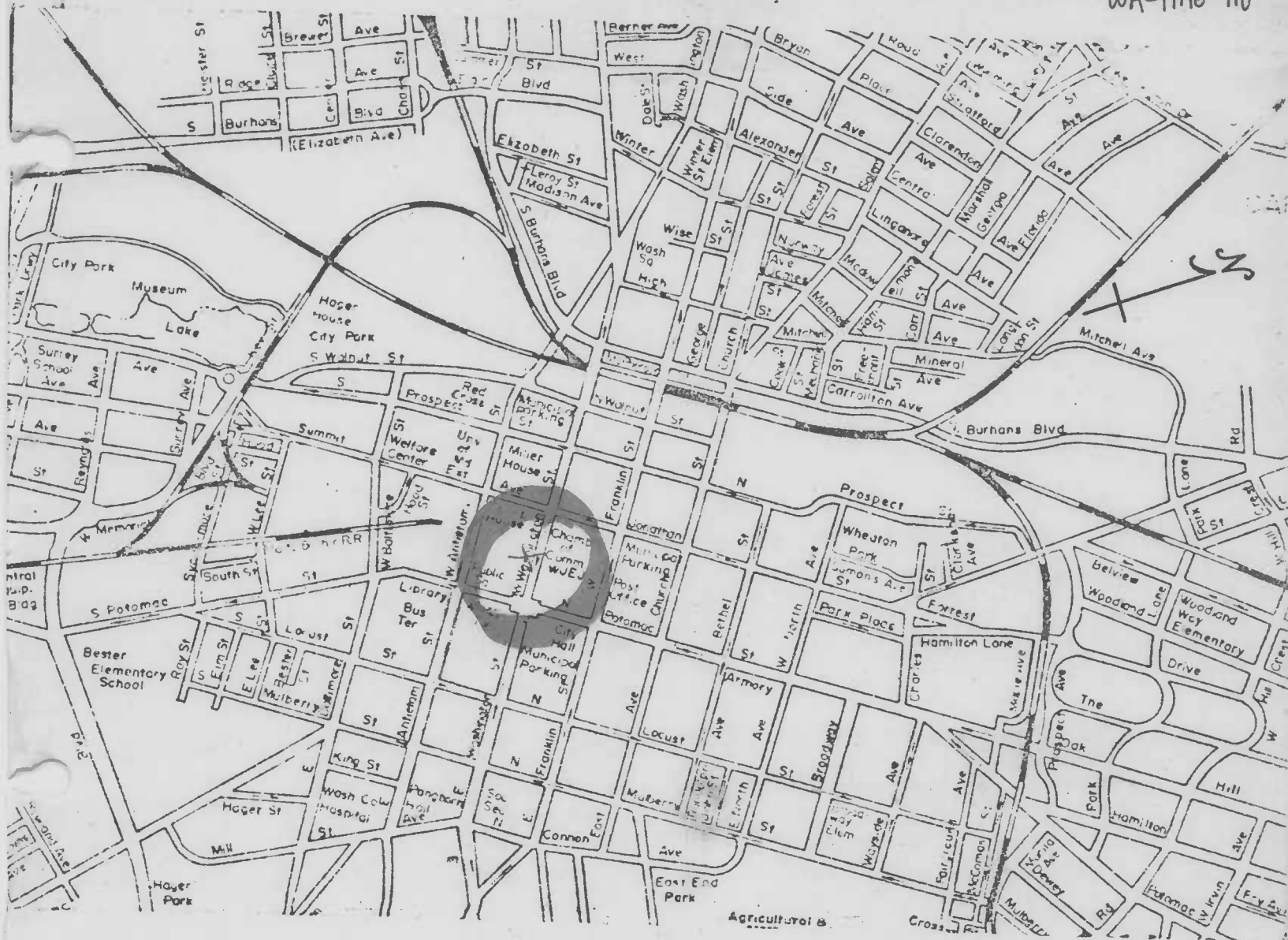
The Cumberland Valley road connects the Pennsylvania system and the Baltimore and Annapolis system to it by its Washington and York and Philadelphia there are three distinct routes: namely, via Har-
 1 P. R. R., via Baltimore over the West. Md. and P., W. & B.
 2 York is nine hours, to Philadelphia over the West. Md.
 3 are numerous trains on each route. Tennessee, Va. and Georgia Air
 4 Valley, gives direct communication to the South and South-west, while
 5 of routes via the B. & O., to Ohio. The railroads radiate from Hagerstown like spokes of a wheel, in six different directions. These roads take the passenger and freight.

arrive or depart from Hagerstown. Baltimore daily papers are delivered here, and those from Philadelphia, New York papers between Hagerstown and B. & O. Telegraph Office, and there is a well equipped Telephone Exchange. Connections with both Baltimore and Washington. In addition, stagecoaches enter the town, in every direction and in addition to other counties and are macadamized with



HUMRICHOUSE BUILDING, W. WASHINGTON ST.

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Hagerstown
Washington County, Maryland

map: City of Hagerstown,
Washington County, Md.
City Engineering Dept.
July, 1970
scale 1"=1200'



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49-53 West Washington St.

Hagerstown

Washington Co., Md.

NE view

October, 1975

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